MnRAM

GIS Data and Techniques

How Can GIS Help?

MnRAM questions can be answered multiple ways









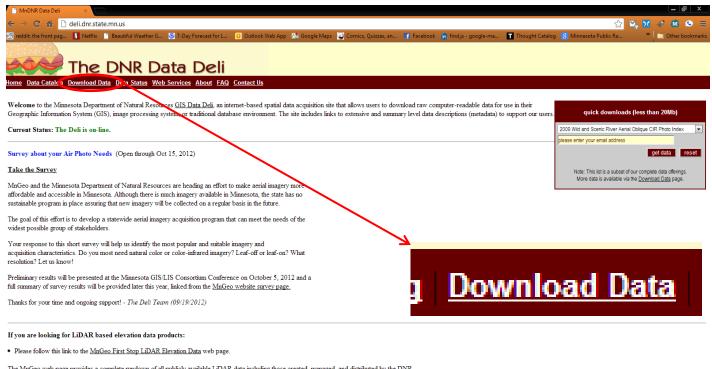




How Can GIS Help?

- GIS data can be used in a more cursory fashion
 - Quick snapshot
 - Perhaps less precise
- For users with more GIS experience, more in depth analysis can be performed
 - More precise answers
 - Takes more effort and knowledge

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The MnGeo web page provides a complete rundown of all publicly available LiDAR data including those created, managed, and distributed by the DNR.

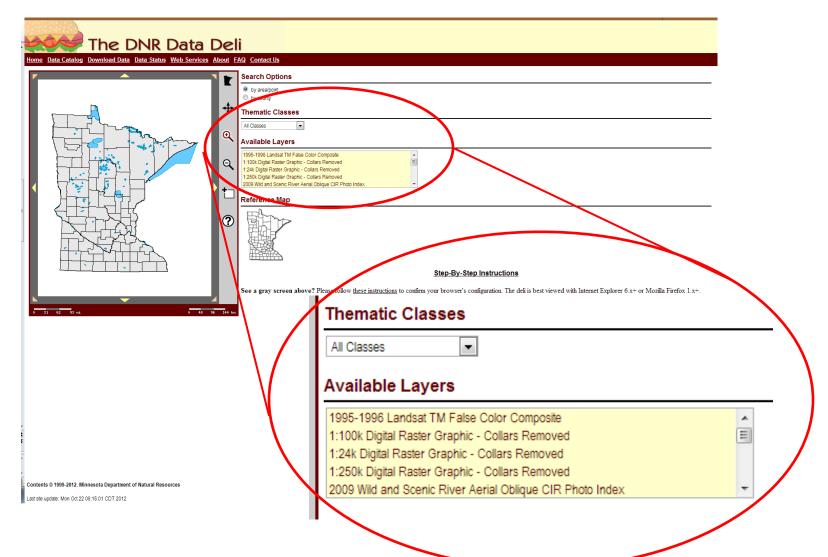
Can't find the data you are looking for? We've compiled a list of other web sites where you can find Minnesota GIS data.

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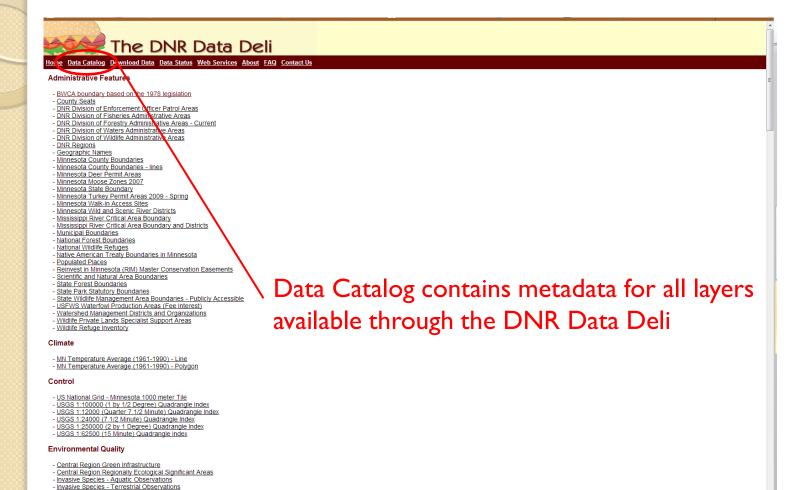


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Metro Conservation Corridors

- Regional Ecological Corridors - MLCCS derived 2008 - Regionally Significant Ecological Areas - MLCCS derived 2008



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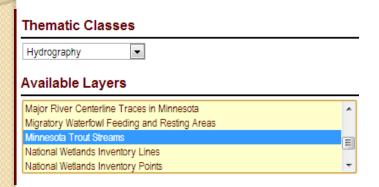
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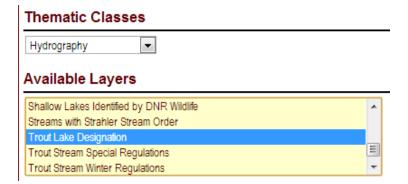
FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT - Special Features

Is the wetland part of, or directly adjacent to, an area of special natural resource interest? Check those that apply:

ı.	Designated trout streams or trout lakes (For Minnesota, see MnDNR Commissioners Order
	2450 Part 6262.0400 subparts 3 and 5) (if yes, Fish Habitat Rating is Exceptional).
).	Calcareous fen (Special Status— For Minnesota, see MN Rule Chapter 7050) (if yes,
	Vegetative Diversity/Integrity functional rating is Exceptional). Consult DNR for regulatory purposes.
	DNR designated scientific and natural area (if yes, then Aesthetics/Recreation/Education/ Cultural functional rating is Exceptional).
1.	Rare natural community. Defined as: a wetland native plant community having a state
	element rank of S1, S2, or S3 ¹ that is mapped or determined to be eligible for mapping in
	the Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS) maintained by the Minnesota Department
	of Natural Resources OR a wetland native plant community contained within an area
	mapped or determined to be eligible for mapping in the NHIS as a Site of Outstanding or
	High Biological Diversity. ² If present, then the ratings for Vegetative Diversity/Integrity
	and Wildlife Habitat are Exceptional (see MnRAM question 5). For Minnesota, refer to
	Minn. Rule Ch. 8420.0548, Subp. 3. This answer automatically makes the answer to #5 =
	"Yes."
	High priority wetland, environmentally sensitive area or environmental corridor identified
	in a local water management plan.
	Public park, forest, trail or recreation area.
z.	State or Federal fish and wildlife refuges and fish and wildlife management areas, and
	water fowl protection areas (if yes, then Wildlife and/or Fish Habitat functional rating is Exceptional).
1.	Archeological or historic site as designated by the State Historic Preservation Office (if yes,
	then Aesthetics/Recreation/Education/Cultural functional rating is Exceptional).
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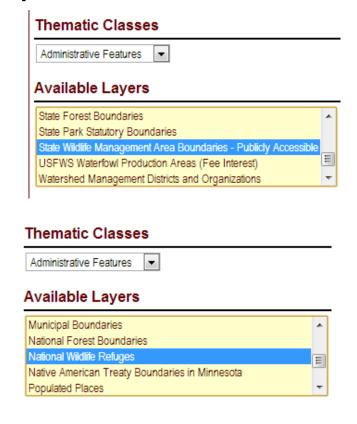


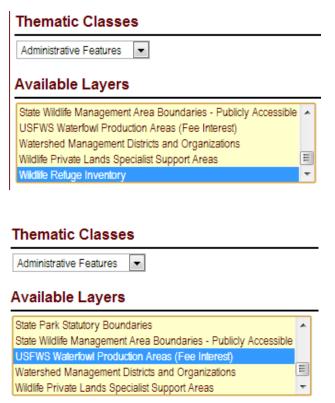






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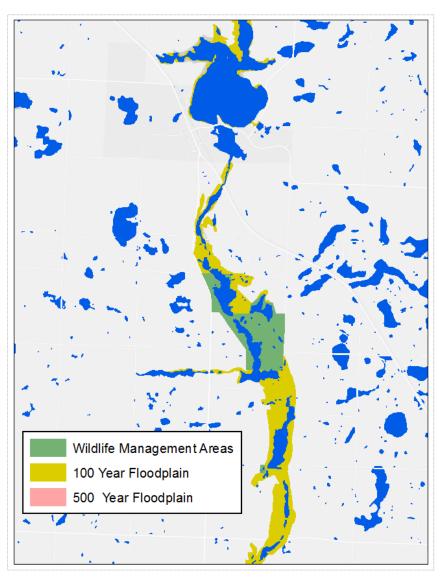




 Floodplain area identified in a zoning ordinance or map



Example – Notice
 wetlands that are
 within or adjacent to
 a Wildlife
 Management Area,
 and/or a FEMA
 identified floodplain



Wetlands Data

- Best available statewide wetlands data
 - National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)
 - Analysis performed from 1991 1994
- Obviously, field scale wetland polygon data should be used where possible
 - Local wetland delineations
- Some questions may be answered without wetland data
 - Depends on level of GIS experience

Wetlands Data

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Thematic Classes

Hydrography

Available Layers



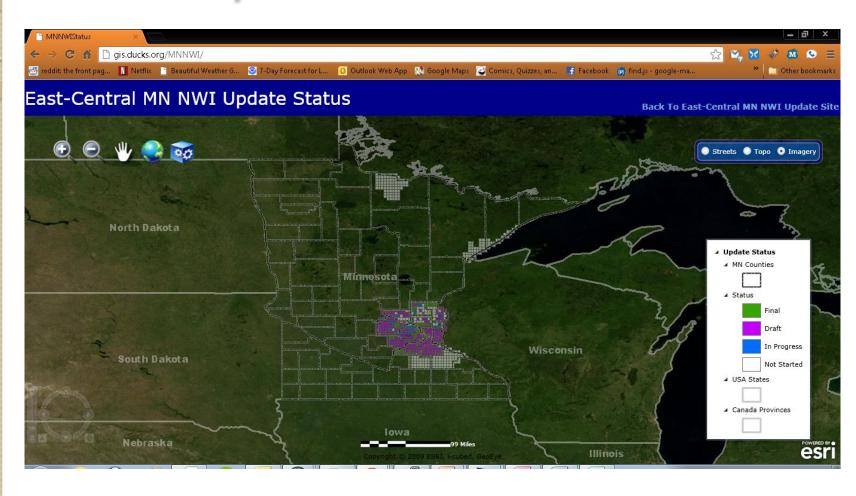
NWI Update

- Effort by DNR and partners to update the NWI
- Estimated completion by 2019



http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/wetlands/nwi_proj.html

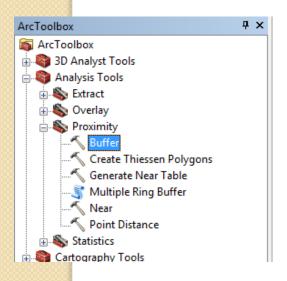
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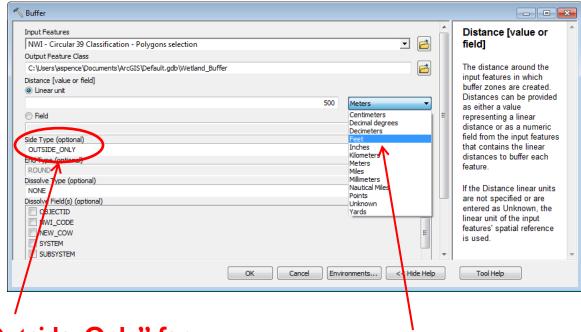


http://gis.ducks.org/MNNWI/

Buffering Wetland Data

 Create a 500 foot buffer of wetland data, using ArcGIS "Buffer" tool, for subsequent analysis

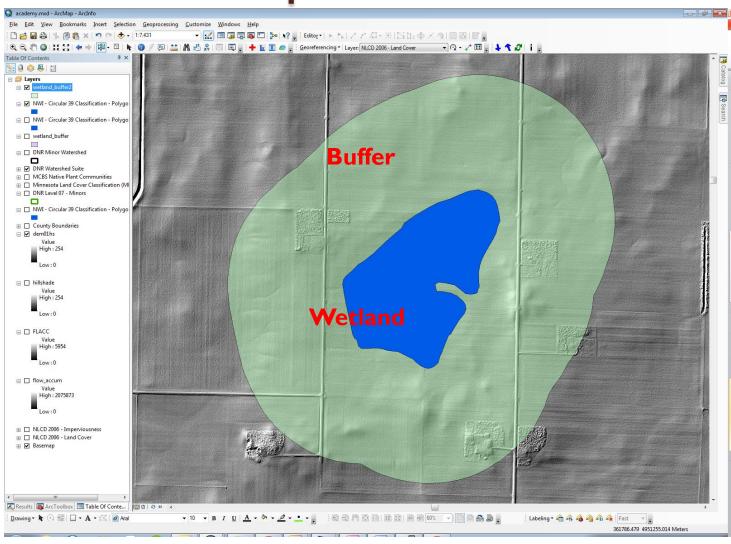




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Buffer Example



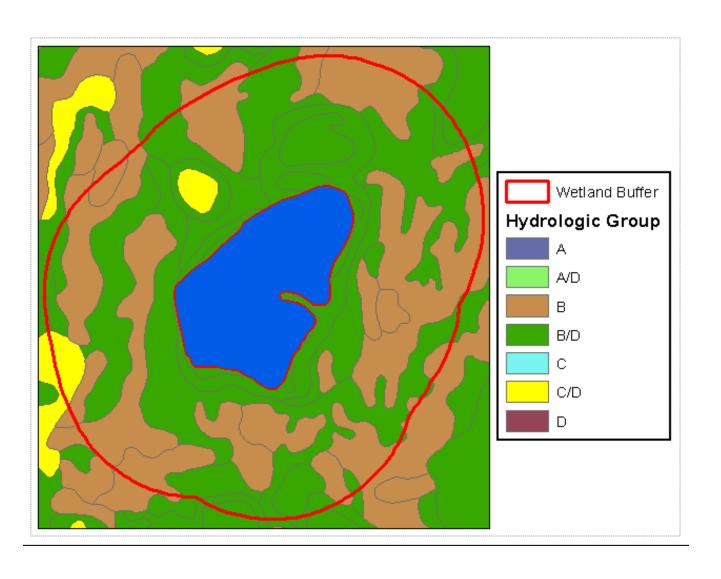
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- MnRAM question #19
 - Describe the predominant upland soils within the wetland's immediate drainage area that affect the overland flow characteristics to the wetland
 - Evaluate soils within the 500 foot wetland buffer and determine dominant hydrologic soil group

- The SSURGO database table named "muaggatt" contains a column named "hydgrpdcd"
- This describes the soil map unit's hydrologic group which is used to answer this MnRAM question
- Join this table to downloaded GIS spatial data to analyze upland soils

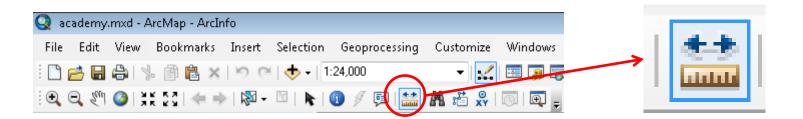


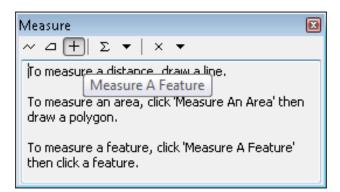
- MnRAM question #28
 - Describe the soils within the wetland
 - Evaluate the SSURGO soils within the wetland boundary to determine if the majority of the soils are mineral (recharge) or organic (discharge)

- MnRAM question #30
 - Indicate conditions that best fit the wetland based on wetland size and the hydrologic properties of the soils within 500 feet of the wetland
 - Similar to question #19, use a 500 foot wetland buffer to determine if the majority of surrounding soils, for wetlands less than 200 acres, are within hydrologic group A or B

- MnRAM question #60
 - Indicate conditions that best fit the wetland based on wetland size and the hydrologic properties of the upland soils within 500 feet of the wetland

- MnRAM question #60
 - Again, similar to question #19
- Recharge = Wetland is <200 acres and surrounding soils (within 500 feet) are primarily in the C or D hydrologic groups.
- Discharge = Wetland is >200 acres in size or wetland is <200 acres and the surrounding soils (within 500 feet) are primarily in the A or B hydrologic groups.

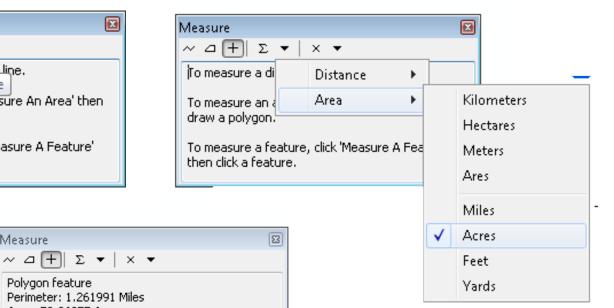




Measure

Polygon feature

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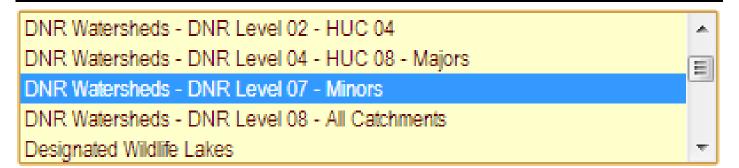


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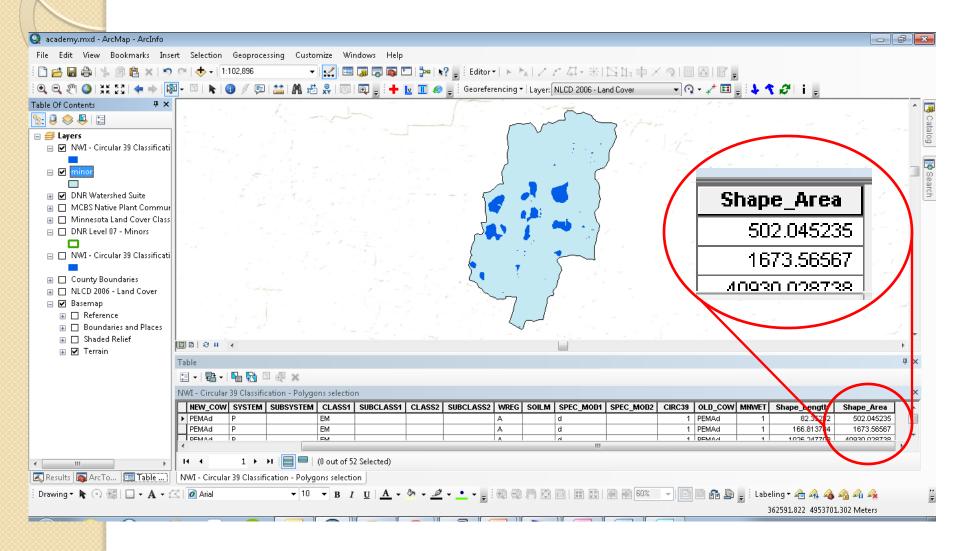
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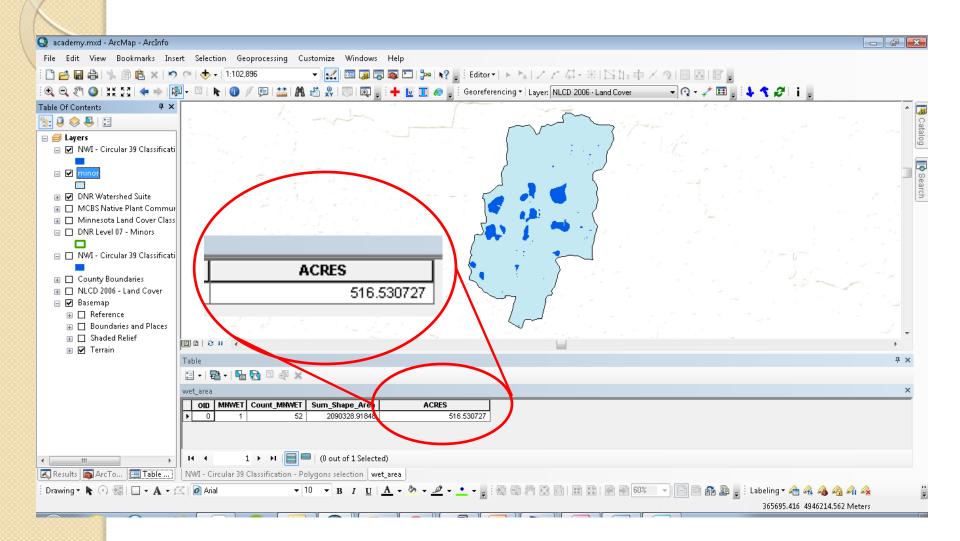
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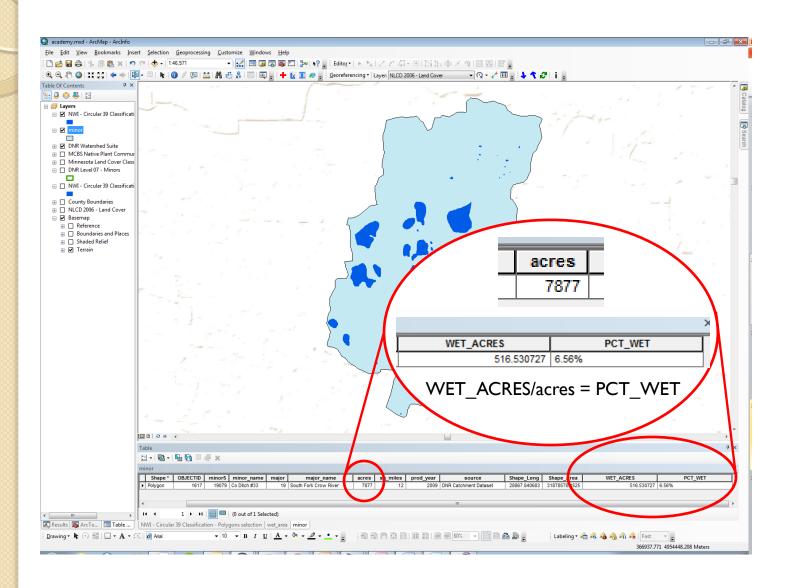
Available Layers



- MnRAM question #21
 - Describe the proportion of wetlands in the minor watershed
 - Clip wetland (and other appropriate hydrologic data such as lakes and ponds) to designated subwatershed
 - Derive percent area of water within the subwatershed
 - A visual examination, and educated guess can be used in lieu of GIS analysis



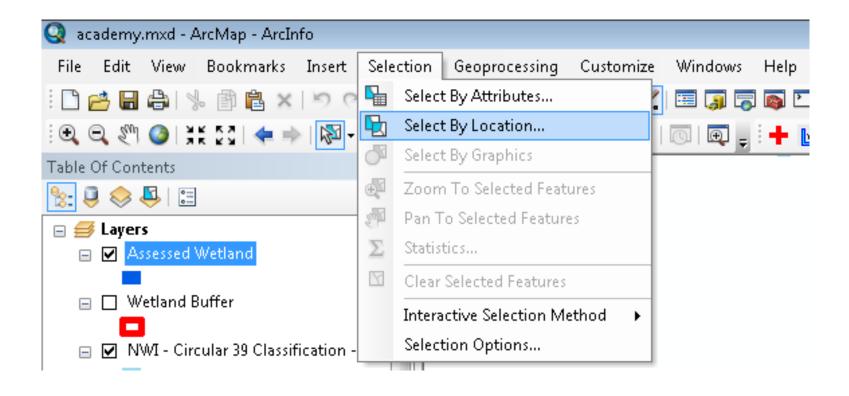




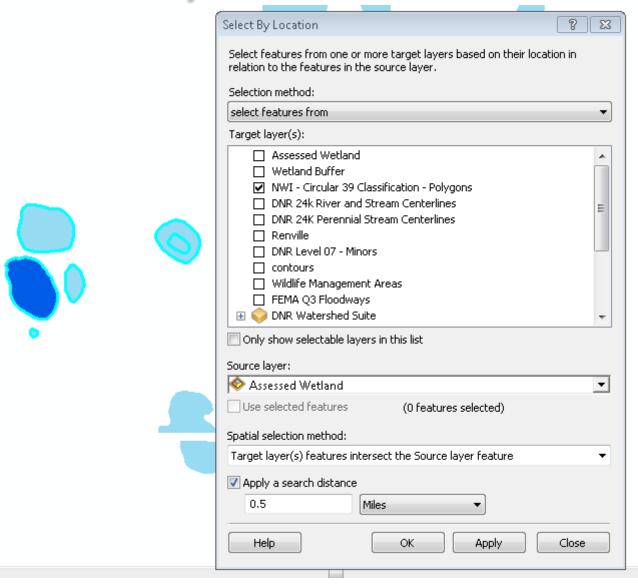
- MnRAM question #40
 - Describe the relative interspersion of various wetlands in the vicinity of the assessment wetland
 - Uses number of wetlands within 0.5 mile of the assessed wetland

- MnRAM question #40
- Method I
 - Use the measure tool to measure out 0.5 miles from the wetland
- Method 2
 - Use the select by location ArcGIS tool to select all wetlands (from NWI or other wetland data source) that intersect the buffer

Select By Location

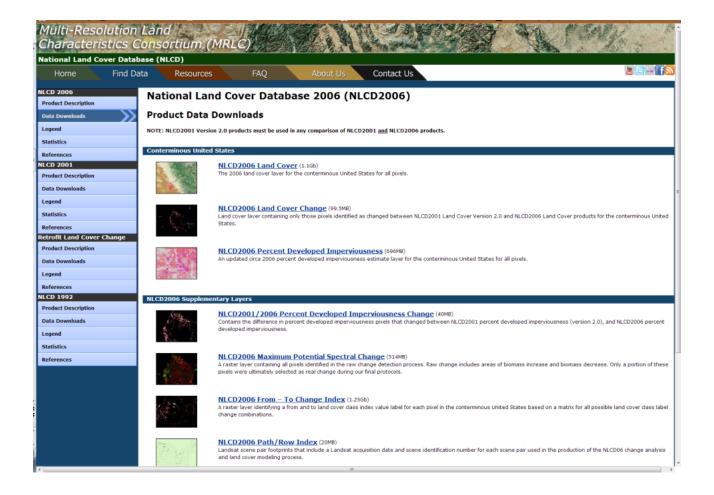


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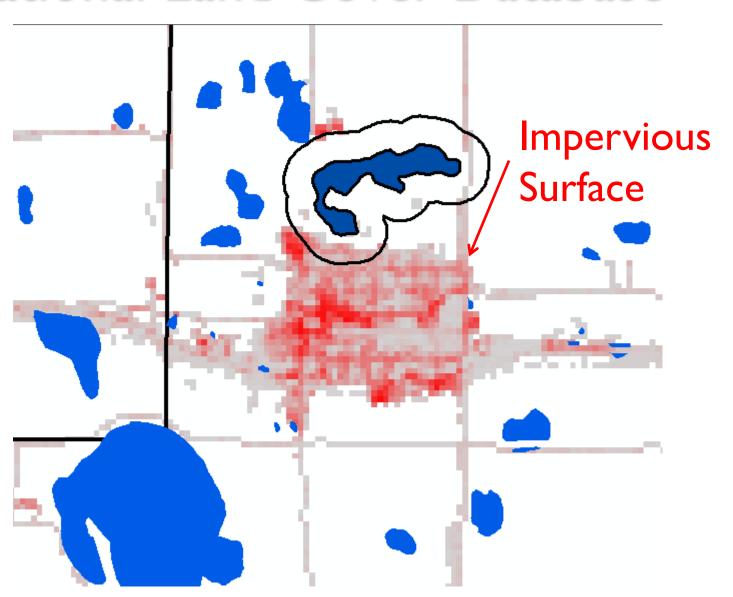
Land Cover

- Most recent statewide land cover data set is the USGS National Land Cover Database (NLCD)
 - 30 Meter data
- Most recent iteration of this data is from 2006
- Includes a data set for impervious surfaces only



http://www.mrlc.gov/

- NLCD data can be used to help answer MnRAM questions:
 - #14: Describe the dominant land use and condition of the immediate upland drainage area of wetland
 - Question uses Impervious Surface as metric
 - #59: Land Use/Runoff
 - Question uses Impervious Surface as metric

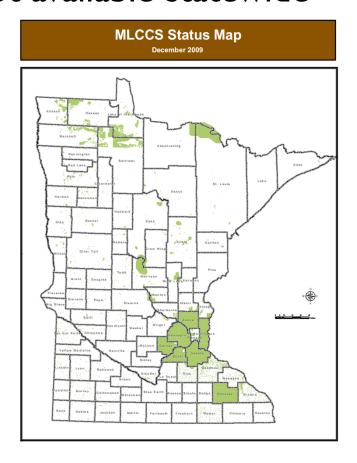


- Clip NLCD data to the 500 foot wetland buffer
 - Use Spatial Analyst "Extract by Mask" tool
 - Will show example later

 Summarize impervious surface percentage within clipped area by impervious value (percentage)

Minnesota Land Cover Classification System (MLCCS)

- Also contains classes for percent impervious
- Data is not available statewide



Minnesota Land Cover Classification System (MLCCS)

Thematic Classes

Land Cover

Available Layers

GAP Land Cover - Tiled Raster
GAP Land Cover - Vector

International Coalition Land Use/Land Cover

Land Cover - Minnesota Land Cover Classification System

LandSat-Based Land Use-Land Cover (Raster)

Topography

- LiDAR
 - More accurate, more processing time
 - Suggest using 3 meter DEM to ease processing
- 30 Meter USGS Digital Elevation Model
 - Less accurate, less processing time

- If in the Red River Valley basin
 - Use the International Water Institute's LiDAR Download Portal



http://gis.rrbdin.org/lidardownload/

- If in any other portion of the state
 - Use the DNR's LiDAR FTP site

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 Within the DNR LiDAR FTP site find county wide, mosaiced data sets in /data/county/

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- To download individual LiDAR tiles, look in the folder /data/q250k/
 - Note: use the tile index shapefile to identify the tile(s) you need to download

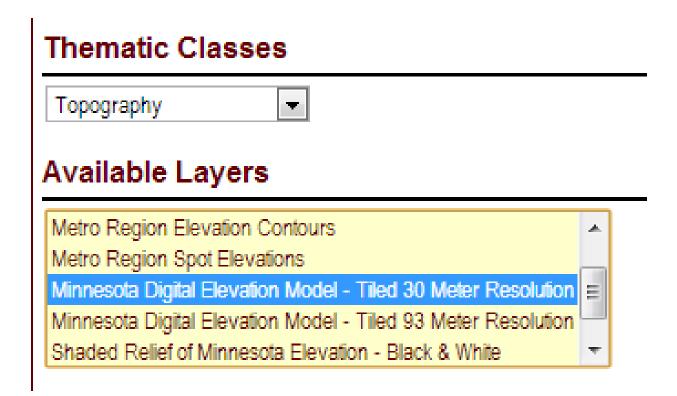
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USGS 30m DEM

USGS Digital Elevation Model



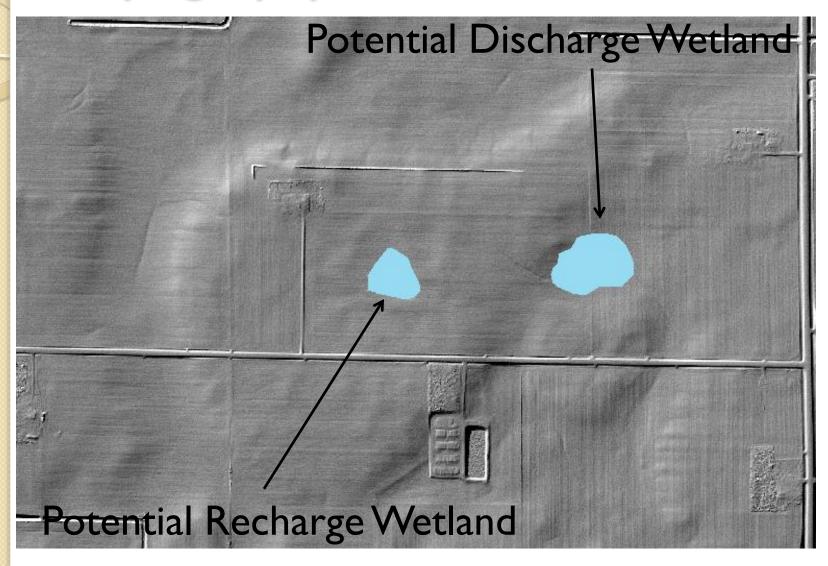
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 Topography data can be used to answer MnRAM questions:

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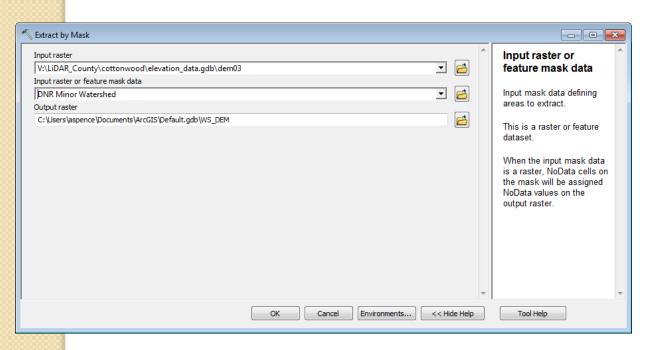
 # 63: Characterize the topographic relief surrounding the wetland

Topography



Topography (MnRAM #26)

 Use ArcGIS Spatial Analyst "Extract by Mask" tool to clip DEM data to DNR minor watershed boundary





Topography

 Use the Spatial Analyst "Slope" tool to calculate slope values for the subwatershed

Spatial Analyst Tools Conditional

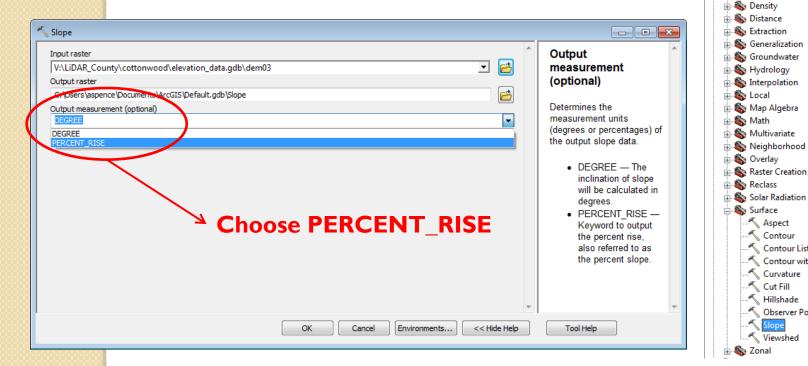
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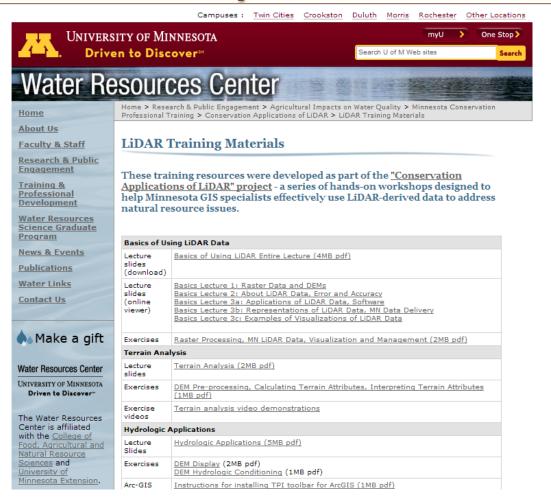
Contour with Barriers Curvature Cut Fill Millshade Observer Points



Terrain Analysis

- U of MN Water Resources Center LiDAR training materials
- For more detailed instruction on beginner to advanced terrain analysis techniques
- Can download all lectures and class exercises for recently conducted LiDAR training sessions

Terrain Analysis

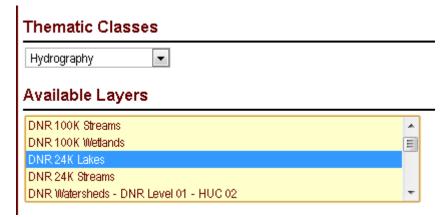


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Hydrography

• DNR 24k Stream and Lake Data

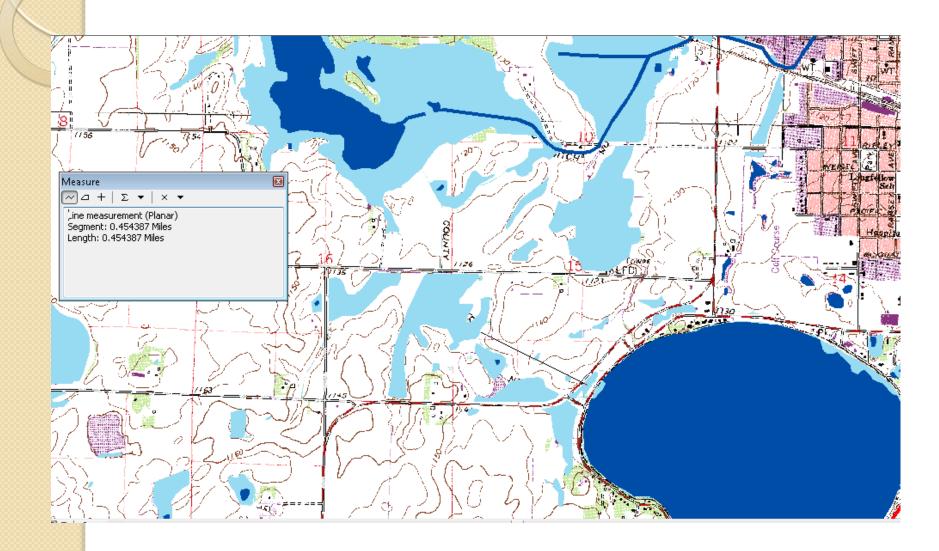
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Hydrography

- MnRAM Question #27: Describe the proximity of the first recreational lake, recreational watercourse, spawning area or significant fishery, or water supply source down-gradient of the wetland:
- A = Isolated wetlands or wetland with one or more resource within 0.5 mile downstream via any form of channel, pipe.
- B = One or more resource within 0.5 to 2 miles downstream.
- C = No significant resources are located within 2 miles downstream.

Hydrography



Much More...

- This presentation provides a baseline of information
- Better GIS skills = More MnRAM assistance
- Seek ArcGIS training
 - Mn DNR
 - Rowekamp Associates Inc.
 - ESRI